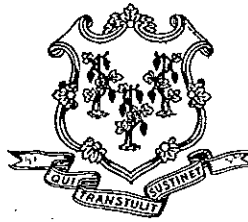


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Good Morning Sen. Slossberg, Rep. Abercrombie, and members of the Human Services Committee. I am here today to testify in support of SB 27, AN ACT PROMOTING THE PURSUIT OF EDUCATION BY RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE. I have become aware from constituents and activists that recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) cannot get work credit for the type of education that would most help them secure employment that provides a living wage. I believe that encouraging TANF recipients to acquire either a GED and/or post-secondary education is an investment in our future. The state should encourage these recipients of assistance to acquire the skills and education that will enable them to escape poverty and become productive tax paying citizens of our state. Thank you for hearing this important legislation.